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Dear Senate Republican Colleagues,

Last December, the Texas delegation mobilized to unveil a “Commitment to Secure the Border,” colloquially known as the “Texas Border Plan.” This border security framework contained the policies necessary to end the border crisis plaguing Texans, the American people, and the migrants who seek to come here.¹

Now, nearly one year after this plan was introduced, the crisis at our southern border has only gotten worse.² Migrants continue to flow across the border only to get released into the U.S. Known or suspected terrorists are being apprehended in record numbers in the wake of Hamas’ barbaric terrorist attack against Israel.³ Border officials continue to seize billions of lethal doses of fentanyl, with 6 billion in FY 2023 alone – enough to kill every single American 18 times over, all while cartels continue to become more empowered.⁴

In May 2023, the House of Representatives embraced the Texas Border Plan in passing H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act of 2023. H.R. 2 is by far the strongest border security legislation to ever pass Congress, but – to date – Chuck Schumer’s Senate has failed to act on this critical legislation.

H.R. 2 was built upon the framework nearly every member of the House GOP Texas delegation stands behind. It raises the credible fear standard for asylum to minimize dubious claims, restores Trump-era asylum arrangements, prevents the abuse of parole, ends mass releases, keeps migrant families together, and ensures non-trafficked unaccompanied minors are quickly and safely returned home. Specifically, the policy prescriptions in H.R. 2 will stop the massive flow of illegal immigration to the southern border and finally put an end to this border crisis.

Of course, there are other ideas that could be added to aid the effort. However, the fundamentals of H.R. 2 represent the engine of policy reforms necessary to stop the disastrous flow to the border.

Most Senate Republicans have supported these very provisions. In fact, 46 Senate Republicans voted for H.R. 2 in its entirety – and, by proxy, the Texas Border Plan – via an amendment introduced to the debt ceiling bill in June 2023.⁵ Thus, we implore our Senate colleagues to embrace the critical policy changes included in H.R. 2 and the Texas Border Plan in any serious attempt to offer and negotiate solutions to this crisis.

Attached for your consideration is the Texas Border Plan released in December 2022. We urge you, our Senate Republican colleagues, to continue to fight for the policy changes in the Texas Border Plan and leverage every opportunity to ensure they pass the Senate.

Sincerely,

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¹ <https://roy.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-roy-texas-republican-delegation-unveil-border-security-plan-texans-texas>.

² <https://homeland.house.gov/2023/10/26/factsheet-final-fy23-numbers-show-worst-year-at-americas-borders-ever/>.

³ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/border-patrol-stop-record-number-people-terror-watchlist-southern-border>.

⁴ <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/restoring-america/fairness-justice/enough-fentanyl-stopped-at-border-in-past-year-to-kill-every-american-18-times>.

⁵ https://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_votes/vote1181/vote_118_1_00138.htm.



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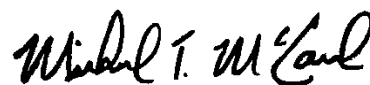
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